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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. MORIMOTO

Serial No.: 10/816,913

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For: STORAGE UNIT, STORAGE UNIT CONTROL METHOD, AND  
STORAGE SYSTEM

Group: 2185

Examiner: J. Yu

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 7, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 7, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.